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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANA 3364

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ON SAUDI/YEMENI RELATIONS

1. DURING SEPTEMBER 21, CALL FOREIGN MINISTER AL-ASNAJ DESCRIBED SAUDI/YEMENI RELATIONS AS CURRENTLY "GOOD". HE CONTINUED THAT SAUDIS HAVE FULFILLED ALL THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO YARG THUS FAR AND NOTED IN THIS REGARD THAT TWO SAUDI C-130S ARRIVED IN SANA SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER FILLED WITH VARIOUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

2. AL-ASNAJ CONTINUED THAT EVEN MORE NOTEWORTHY IS THE REPORT THAT DURING DISSIDENT LEADER MUJAHID ABU SHUWARIB'S RECENT TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA THE SAUDI ESTABLISHMENT INFORMED HIM THAT (A) SAUDI GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT FULLY AL-HAMDI AND (B) ABU SHUWARIB SHOULD BE "A GOOD BOY AND NOT CAUSE ANY TROUBLE."

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3. COMMENT: AL-ASNAJ IS A SENSITIVE AND RELIABLE

BAROMETER OF THE UPS AND DOWNS OF SAUDI/YEMENI
RELATIONS. HE HAS LONG BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT
PURSUING FOR CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO "FRATERNAL"
ARAB STATES AND IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT AS OF THE PRESENT
TIME AT LEAST CONSIDERS HIS POLICY TO BE SUCCESSFUL.
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